

**PATENT**

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**REMARKS**

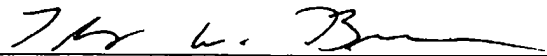
Claims 1, 5-8, and 10-23 were pending in the above captioned patent application. On Thursday, November 20, 2003, the undersigned received a telephone call from the Examiner. During this conversation, the Examiner indicated that pending claims 10-20 were in condition for allowance.

In order to further their business interests and without acquiescing to any of the rejections or arguments offered by the Examiner, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-9 and 21-23 without prejudice to prosecuting these same claims (or claims similar thereto) in subsequently filed patent applications. Upon entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment, claims 10-20 will be pending. Given these are the same claims (e.g. claims 10-20) the Examiner indicated are in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the patent application captioned above be passed to allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at 617.984.0616.

Respectfully submitted,

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